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Congratulations.
Vic KI6VC
winner of the IC 7000
at the 2007 picnic

THE PREZ SEZ

What a great picnic! Everyone I've spoken with simply raved about Keith's great barbecue and coleslaw. The company was terrific, and then there was that calm, collected, peaceful acceptance of the IC-7000 by winner Vic, KI6VC. Okay, you had to be there to see it but you can still get the idea from the video posted on the Club's website. Be sure to check it out. My thanks to all who helped make the event a success. And just think, we still have the Bash coming up in August!

My SteppIR is working great. I did work the BS7 but didn't manage to get on enough to work the 3B7. Still I did add Rwanda and Tunisia as new ones in June.

With summer comes antenna work. Skip ran my cables underground recently, and now I've got an 80 meter sloper coming off the top of the tower. I still don't have 160 covered, but I'm good everywhere else. So, what are you up to while the sun is shining?

I always do Field Day with my local club, the PVARC. This was our 18th year operating from the campus of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, adjacent to the athletic field. Local, general interest clubs are a breed unto their own. The PVARC, for example, has around 90 paid-up members, roughly 30 of whom ever show up at meetings or events. Of those 30, at least a quarter aren't very active. Most, dabble in HF or do only VHF/UHF. No more than six to ten of us do CW, and only four or five of us do it "seriously". Of those, only four of us are consistent Field day operators, and only two of us make a substantial number of contacts. It's a depressing commentary on the state of amateur radio in the community. Even more depressing, though, is that we have problems keeping even the SSB station manned around the clock. Both of the guys working the night shift are DXers/contesters: Mel, K6SY and Bill, KB6FB. No one else is interested. Sad, sad, sad.

I don't mean to be perverse about this, but the fact is that I find something highly sensual about CW. The feel of the key, the sweet sounds of that "secret" language filling my ears with delight… But emotions tend to run high, and those that reject CW as a viable mode of communication seem unable to do so without great disparagement of the mode. Is it true hostility or envy? Hostility born of laziness? I don't know, but think its their loss. CW is in our heritage and I, for one, am proud to be one of those who carries on the tradition. OK, so I'm no CW speed demon, but I love it, use it, and am always ready to help anyone who wants to learn to use it on the air. Interesting band conditions over the past month. There have been some really good openings on 20 and 17 meters in the evening, around 0400 Z. Whoever says there's nothing to work just isn't. I'm heading off to Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper the last week in July, and planning to take my FT-897. Maybe I'll work you from VE6.

73 es gud DX, JW, K6JW

From the Veep

The SCDXC annual picnic is now history. What a great time had by all. The food was great, and Mother Nature was very good to us with excellent weather.

Our club can never say enough to thank Keith, K6LD, for the time and effort he expends to prepare and deliver his culinary talent to make our picnic a gastronomic success. I can still taste the chicken, tri-tips, and ribs. Not to exclude the hamburgers and hot dogs. Yes, I sampled all of them. A good chef generally has a backup team. Keith's team was Larry, K6YUI and Ernie, N6HY. Their help kept Keith's system running smoothly. They chopped, they diced, they cooked. It was, as they say, "poetry in motion". And, a very special thanks to all who brought a side dish and/or desert. No one can possibly say they went away less than stuffed.

Following our "pig-out", it was time for the big drawing – an ICOM IC-7000. The lucky winner was Vic, KI6VC. His excitement was a delight to see. Congratulations, Vic. The regular drawing took place next with the able assistance of Brad's (W6EA) daughters. They wanted so very bad to pull their dad's ticket. Each time they reached into the bag for a new ticket, they would chant, "daddy", "daddy", "daddy". When his was not drawn, their disappointment was clearly visible. Finally, on the last ticket drawn, and their usual chant, Brad's ticket was drawn. Their excitement was a joy to behold. What a wonderful finish to a wonderful day. And, just think, we get to do it again next year.

Don't forget our next meeting in July. Catherine Deaton, District Director of the FCC Western Region Enforcement Bureau will be our program speaker. She will talk on various issues relating to amateur communications and enforcement. Catherine is knowledgeable, informative, and humorous. She will follow with a Q&A, so bring your questions.

THATS ALL FOLKS. 73s and 88s, Sharon, K6IRD

K6JW/VE6 LOOK FOR HIM THE LAST WEEK IN JULY

GET ALL THE DETAILS AT THE JULY MEETING.

EDITORS TRIVIA

Here we are another year and another field day done. For those who joined in on the fun I hope you had a great time. Now is the time to think about what happened during Field Day that would interest the club. Maybe a little smile or two or about the big Murphy that came to HELP. I know no one had it perfect. So how about it, let your fellow HAMS in on the fun you had. OR YOUR BIG SCORE. Me, I'm still savoring the picnic. Especially Vic"s dance. Lot of things going on this month. Field day is over, We have 4th of July to brighten things a bit. Hot dogs, burgers, on the barbie. And if we are lucky, some DX might come our way. I know that the next couple of months will be exciting. July meeting, the years middle, the August bash and the anchors away feast in September. Check the web site for some new ditties.

Some old fashion CW is coming to the air waves, read else where in the newsletter about the annual Maritime Special Event using CW. Too bad we can't operate with them. Check out other links in the web site for some memories.

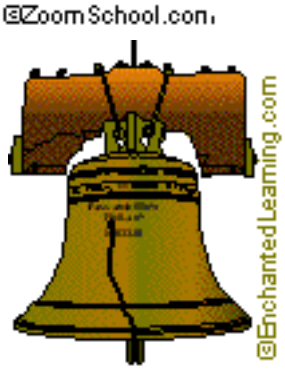
By the way, did I mentioned Beer for the 4th? No? Well did you know ?

What brand of whiskey is indirectly responsible for the advent of radio?

Marconi's Maternal Grandfather was old man Jameson who provided the funds for young Guglielmo to buy his experimental materials. He had been sent there by his father so that he would mend his ways and cease his 'wasteful' (I wonder what that was) pursuits.

JAMESON WHISKEY. (an Irish whiskey and not cheap) (QRZ trivia question 1129)

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY AMERICA



Independence Day celebrates the birthday of the United States of America. Founded July 4th 1776, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence, America is celebrating it's 231st birthday this year (2007)

The 4th of July is a time for the Red White and Blue. A time for Picnics, Parades and Marching Bands. A time for Beaches, BBQs and Beer.

AND FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION

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Keith.....K6GXO
Palmdale

COMPUTER ANIMAL

A LITTLE HOORAH FOR MORSE

Maritime Dits and Dahs
July 13, 2007
0001 GMT
Night of Nights VII Information

HISTORIC MORSE CODE RADIO STATION KPH RETURNS TO THE AIR FOR "NIGHT OF NIGHTS VII"

Former RCA Station KPH Celebrates Its 101st Anniversary
see below.
Coast Station KSM Celebrates Its 1st Anniversary
Coast Stations WLO, KLB, NMC and NOJ To Be On The Air
New Frequencies for KSM, KLB and NOJ

In the seventh annual event that has become known as the "Night of Nights", historic Morse code radio station KPH will return to the air in commemoration of the last commercial Morse message sent in the United States.

Further information may be found on the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web site at http://www.radiomarine.org (scroll down and click on NIGHT OF NIGHTS V11) or by contacting Richard Dillman at +1 415-990-7090 (email: rd@radiomarine.org) or Tom Horsfall at +1 510-237-9535 (email: wa6ope@hotmail.com).

There is a slight change to the July 2007 West Coast Qualifying Run schedule.

The July West Coast Qualifying Run will be transmitted by Maritime Radio Historical Society station KPH/K6KPH. This station is the same one that sends out the W1AW Field Day Bulletin for the benefit of West Coast amateurs.

Look for station K6KPH to transmit the West Coast Run on three bands on July 12 at 0400z (local time 9 PM PDT on July 11). The code speeds will remain at 10 to 40 WPM. The frequencies are: 3590, 7047.5 and 14047.5 kHz.

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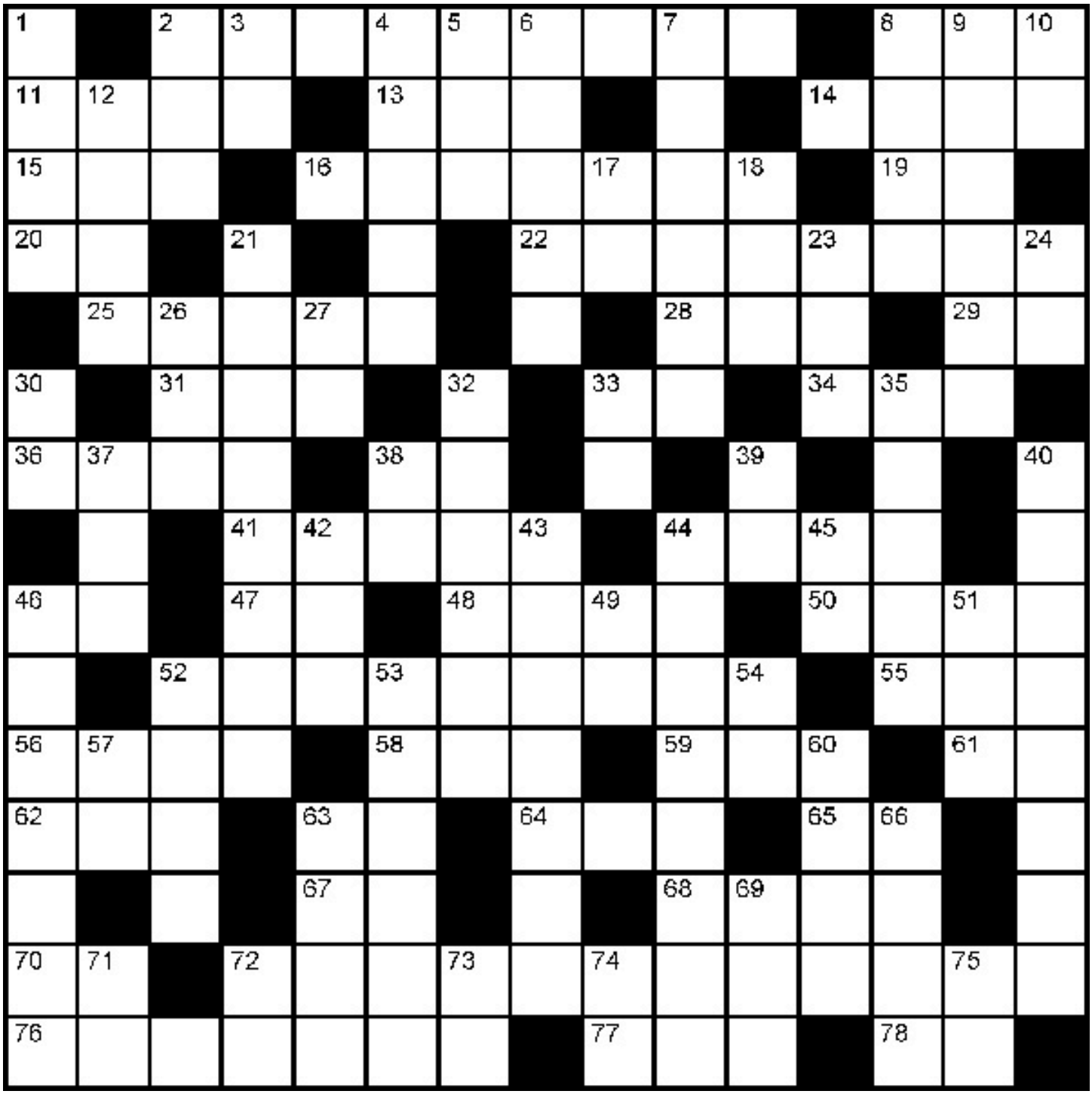
Hams Afield, From ARRL web site

Although not everyone can participate in Field Day, this puzzle will make you feel as if you had. You'll wind up tired and worn out? No! You'll be invigorated with the excellent job you've done on behalf of ham radio, of course!



Across

2. This happens to really cold fingers and toes
8. Keeps the drinks cold
11. You might be willing, but not ....
13. Point at which receiver intermod becomes as strong as the signals (abbr)
14. Either fish or cut this
15. Secures the tower
16. When the D-layer soaks up signals
19. A pair of rogers (CW abbr)
20. Plates connectors (chemical symbol)
22. What you get in the sun
25. Tasty Field Day treat
28. Prefix meaning "of the environment"
29. Largest NA country
31. Below VLF
33. Heat rays (abbr)
34. Agency that operates federal parks
36. Light rope
38. Station with several operators (abbr)
41. Begins to awake
44. Used to fix things
46. Prefix for Sable Island
47. Knockout (abbr)48. Seen at night
50. Gas in indicator bulbs
52. A very, very dry area
55. Radio blackout
56. Bigger than 48 Across
58. Metric of photographic sensitivity
59. World time (abbr)
61. Telephone (abbr)
62. Consequence of overinflation
63. Battery power
64. Where you go after Field Day
65. Stand by (CW abbr)
67. End of message (CW prosign)
68. Helps you lighten up
70. End of contact (CW prosign)
72. If you want to make contacts, you'll have to do this (two words)
76. These keep 12 Down away
77. Orbiting ham station (abbr)
78. Shutting down the station

Down

1. A lengthy Field Day legend
2. Open covering
3. Regarding (abbr)
4. Anchors tents
5. Plaything
6. What you get from 12 Down
7. Easily lost
8. International ham radio organization (acronym)
9. Wispy clouds
10. To have eaten (slang)
12. Invasive critters
17. One less than X
18. Class F stations operate from here
21. Keeps blisters from getting worse
23. Male progeny
24. And (CW abbr)
26. One of the restrooms
27. What comes out of the transmitter
30. Special wire antenna from this country (prefix)
32. The original four-wheel drive vehicle
33. Collector current (abbr)
35. Hold up the tent
37. Not a purty vine
38. One of the Great Lake states (postal code)
39. Field Day is time to .. not plan
40. Starts the fire
42. Heavy weight
43. Overcast clouds
44. What Murphy brings 45. Supported by something
46. Finds direction
49. Amplifier class
51. Keeps the generator working
52. Map that shows elevation
53. Tough material for rope
54. Early PC model
57. Watches the bands for poor signals (abbr)
60. Live outside
63. The day of the month
66. Add to span to clean up
69. Popular ham radio chain (abbr)
71. Obsolete abbreviation for kHz
72. Web URLs from Sweden end in this
73. After the signature
74. Metal used in clock batteries

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